ENTITLED, An Act to require historical or educational municipal corporations to maintain their property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That chapter 9-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

A municipality incorporated pursuant to § 9-3-22 shall exist so long as the corporation maintains all lands, buildings, fences, fixtures, billboards, signs, and other improvements in good condition and repair, and is actively operating for the purposes for which it is incorporated, or until the corporation is dissolved in accordance with law. The municipality shall possess and maintain its historical or educational integrity of design, materials, and workmanship of the sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are located within the platted municipal corporation, including advertising and promotional signs. The municipality shall lose its historical or educational municipality designation if more than one-fourth of such properties possess any of the following conditions:

- (1) Loss or disintegration of the roof or roofing materials;
- (2) Loss of windows;
- (3) Deterioration or missing siding material;
- (4) Unstable foundations;
- (5) Leaning severely from plumb; and
- (6) Billboards or signs identifying, promoting, or advertising the municipality no longer conform to the requirements of chapter 31-29.

However, for the purposes of subdivision (6), the twelve continuous months required for determining a sign is abandoned does not apply.

Section 2. That chapter 9-3 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as follows:

The South Dakota Department of Transportation or the county in which the historic or

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educational municipality is located may take action, pursuant to section 1 of this Act, to dissolve the municipal corporation pursuant to the provisions of chapter 1-26.

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| I certify that the attached Act originated in the | Received at this Executive Office this day of , |
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| HOUSE as Bill No. 1276 | 20 at M. |
| Chief Clerk | By for the Governor |
| Speaker of the House | The attached Act is hereby approved this day of, A.D., 20 |
| Attest: | |
| Chief Clerk | Governor STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, |
| President of the Senate | Ss. Office of the Secretary of State |
| Attest: | Filed, 20 at o'clock M. |
| Secretary of the Senate | |
| | Secretary of State |
| House Bill No. <u>1276</u> File No Chapter No | By Asst. Secretary of State |